

1995-96 and 1997-98 respectively. However, no further proposal has been received from Government of Assam to open any new nursing school in the State.

Mismanagement of Health Scheme in Pant Hospital

3991. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman, dated 18th November, 2000, under the caption, "Mismanagement of Health Scheme in Pant Hospital alleged";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had conducted any enquiry to ascertain the irregularities in the local purchase by the Hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme 'Delhi Arogya Nidhi' is being implemented by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in all hospitals of Delhi and is for the welfare of the poor patients. As per the scheme, funds are sanctioned to poor persons as per the provisions of the Act for getting necessary costly treatment from Government Hospitals. The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that no specific complaint regarding mismanagement of the scheme has been received.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Non-Availability of Basic Amenities in Safdarjung Hospital

3992. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman, dated 4th February, 2001, under the caption, "Basic amenities missing in Safdarjung Hospital";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is a fact that bandages and other medicines are not available in the Hospital; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The press clipping alleges:—

- (1) Shortage of bandages, gauge, plaster of paris, Thomas splint, needle, antiseptic lotions and medicines.
- (2) Unhygienic condition of stores and poor storage facilities.
- (3) Poor quality of surgical implants.
- (4) Charging of money by dresser for dressing.

(c) and (d) Bandages and other medicines are available in Safdarjung Hospital. However, if at any point of time there is any shortage of emergency and essential medicines, imprest money is available with the Chief Medical Officer of the concerned casualty for the purchase of the requisite items to provide to patients.

Poor Functioning of Incinerators in Hospitals

3993. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of poor functioning of the incinerators in various hospitals in the capital, the Delhi High Court has directed all the hospitals including Government hospitals to upgrade the functioning of incinerators;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been initiated by the hospital authorities in the capital to upgrade the functioning of incinerators; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Central Pollution Control Board has informed that High Court of Delhi in its order dated 1.12.2000 issued notices to Safdarjung Hospital,